



**Northern Nevada  
HIV  
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 2:00pm  
Washoe County Health District  
1001 East Ninth St., N. Auditorium  
Reno, NV**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Lyell Collins, Doug Hodges, Jennifer Howell, Nedy Tollerstad, Theron Huntamer, Joshua Livernois, and Janet St. Amant (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales, Guadalupe Gomez, James Kuzhippala, and Robert Ashley.

Absences: Gerold Dermid (Alt.) (excused), Abigail Polus (excused), Gwen Taylor (excused), and Stephen Daugherty (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Jennifer Howell called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

Jennifer announced that on the July agenda, Robert Ashley voting member applications will be presented for a motion for voted.

3. \*Review and approval of Minutes from March 25, 2015 Meeting

It was moved by Lyell Collins and seconded by Doug Hodges to accept the minutes as presented. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

4. \*Community HIV Testing Discussion and Grid Development

Jennifer Howell went over the “HIV Testing and Condom Distribution Grid”. Testing as to where in the community are we getting positives from where we are doing testing from the major testers in the community. The two major testers are Northern Nevada Hopes and Washoe County Health District. The council went through an exercise that was taught by our Capacity Building Assistance training. This exercise will help identify a more specific target population in order to effectively reach them. This will help with testing and condom distributions efforts. The following questions were asked from the council members the Who, Where, When, What and How to narrow down on the target populations to help identify where efforts need to focus on.

- Who
  - MSM – African American and Hispanic/Latinos
  - 24 to 25 years olds \*also seen in Syphilis cases
- Where
  - Miguel Rivera Park
  - Latino Clubs (“Pods” – Jump around clubs – nightly parking lots
  - Churches (Gentry Way – Little Flower)
- When
  - Food Trucks on Wednesdays

- Soccer games during the Weekend all day
- Mambo's Night Club – 11pm to 2am
- Church group meetings vs. Mass
- What
  - Free Stuff
  - Food / Water with labels
  - Pamphlets
  - Vouchers for drinks
  - DJ announcement
- How
  - Van – Tables – Tent
  - DJ – Bartenders – Cocktail waitresses – security guards – cashiers at the door
  - Church Leaders

5. Condom Distribution Strategy Implementation

Jennifer Howell reported that an intern attended a NNOT event at Five Star and collected surveys. Jennifer Howell will email the condom survey and asked the council members to forward it and to have people fill it out. The goal is to collect 200 completed surveys for Northern Nevada. During this summer new interns will be helping out and will see who can complete this task. The new condom dispensers have been placed at different bars. Jennifer Howell thanked Robert Ashley and Doug Hodges for the bar location in Sun Valley. It was announced that Tronix closed its doors. Jennifer Howell asked the council for any suggestion for new condom dispenser locations that reaches the following population MSM, IDU, and HIV positive.

This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

6. \*Community Engagement Plan Review and Community Partner Engagement Event

Lyell has been tasked with leading community planning processes for HIV prevention, Ryan White HIV care, substance abuse treatment, suicide prevention and mental health programs at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The first meeting was held the end of March the beginning in April. The goal is to get input from providers and key stakeholders in the community. Provider and client surveys have been sent out. UNR is in the process of establishing focus groups. The mental health part of the process has to be completed by the end of July. The HIV/AIDS portion of the process is still being worked on. CDC and HRSA have now joint together on this community planning for Ryan White Care and HIV Prevention, waiting for guidance from them. UNR has been contracted to write out the plan. Planning council will help with the review of goals, objectives, and prioritized target populations. It was suggested an internal council workgroup with Ryan White Part A to come together to work on the rewrite of the draft document to include all parts.

This item will be an on-going item on the agenda for further discussion.

7. Community Co-Chair Nominations

Jennifer Howell announced that Patrick Russell has resigned as Co-Chair. Elections are schedule for the July meeting. The new term begins in July. Functions of the position include running the planning council meetings along with Jennifer Howell, participating in Statewide Community Planning, representing your specific target population and the community as a whole. If anyone is interested being the Community Co-Chair, please email Jennifer Howell or nominations can be in person at the July meeting. Doug Hodges was nominated and will be up for voting in July.

8. Public Comment

(Limited to 3 minutes per comment. No discussion allowed.)

No public comment at this time.

9. \*Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Jennifer Howell and seconded by Theron Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 pm.